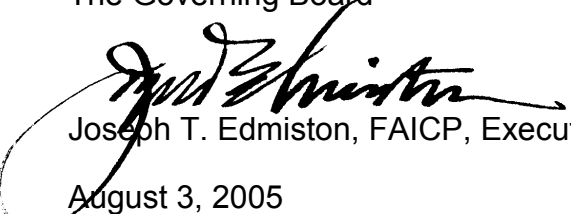


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board-

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: August 3, 2005

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(b): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant of Proposition 12, Proposition 40, and Proposition 50 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for construction of the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Facility, Woodland Hills.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting grants from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Facility, Woodland Hills.

Background: At its July 25, 2005 meeting, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) authorized a grant to the MRCA of Proposition 50, Proposition 40 and Proposition 12 funds for the construction of the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project. The MRCA has submitted a grant application for Proposition 50, 40 and 12 funding in the sum of \$1.6 million, \$834,285 from Proposition 50, \$338,317 from Proposition 40 and \$427,398 from Proposition 12 to design and construct the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project.

The project will provide public park and habitat improvements that will incorporate innovative watershed enhancement features in this important Upper Los Angeles River Watershed location. The north-facing slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains above the San Fernando Valley flow to the Los Angeles River, and this park project will provide for onsite stormwater retention, enhanced infiltration, low-water-use native landscaping, stream restoration, trails, permeable parking, solar restroom, ranger station and watershed and habitat-related interpretive elements. Park features will include native tree, shrub, and groundcover landscaping, state-of-the-art permeable and semi-permeable surfaces, the creation of a stream and bioswale within the existing fill soil and reintroduction of riparian plants, hiking trails (including a full-access nature trail), a 70-car parking lot, picnic benches and shelters, interpretive kiosks, composting restroom facilities, a state-of-the-art, low impact ranger station/residence (approx. 1400 sq.ft.) and interpretive facility (1000 sq.ft.), and an outdoor classroom.

